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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE-SWEDISH DECLARATION ON COOPERATION

REF: STOCKHOLM 1060 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. PORTUGUESE ECONOMICS MINISTER RUI VILAR AND SWEDISH MINISTER OF COMMERCE KJELL OLOF FELDT SIGNED MARCH 11 IN LISBON A JOINT DECLARATION ABOUT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COOPERATION. DECLARATION CALLED FOR INTENSIFIED COOPERATION IN INDUSTRIAL, HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, EDUCATION, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FIELDS. FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WILL DEAL WITH POSSIBLE CREATION OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND.

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2. A JOINT LUSO-SWEDISH WORKING GROUP TO PROMOTE FUTURE CO-

OPERATION WAS ESTABLISHED. CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN ACCORD ON DOUBLE TAXATION ARE IN FINAL PHASE, AND NEGOTIATIONS FOR A CONVENTION ON SOCIAL SECURITY ARE FORESEEN.

3. BESIDES INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS DECLARED THEIR INTENTION TO PROMOTE COOPERATION BY INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES IN INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS. THEY APPROPRIATELY NOTED GROWING COOPERATION BETWEEN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY COOPERATIVE MOVEMENTS.

4. PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT ALSO THANKED SWEDES FOR THEIR GIFT OF PAPER FOR THE ELECTIONS, WHILE THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT CONGRATULATED THE PORTUGUESE ON THEIR DECOLONIZATION EFFORTS.

5. COMMENT: SWEDISH ACTION FOLLOWS SIMILAR AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY (LISBON 683 AND 750 (NOTAL)). EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE SUCH COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH SCANDIVIAN COUNTRIES ARE BENEFICIAL AND WISHES TO ENCOURAGE THEM.
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